must have been conversant with the number of loss of life. That is the primary thing that has to be got from the answer.

Mr. President.—That is not an answer which the Police Commissioner is bound to give. That is for the Chair to answer. It is perfectly right for him to answer that it is not got with him.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I may bring to the notice of the Chair that the question was about the accidents and the most important accident is loss of life. So from the purport of the answer it must be seen how many cases of actual loss of life has occurred.

Mr. President.—He has not got the statistics with him.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are all the various cases of accidents included in it?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes?

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.— May I know whether drunkenness on the part of the driver has resulted in loss of life?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—So far as I can remember there is no such case.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Even in the 13 cases that occurred in 1111?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That is my belief.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—May I know if the case of the accident that occurred in Trichur very near the Jubilee Girls' High School in 1111 happened due to the drunkenness of the driver?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— I am sorry, Sir, I want notice.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—It was all in the papers that it was due to the drunkenness of the driver.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Deputation of a Police Officer for Vellore Training.

39. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is any proposal to depute any Police Officer for Vellore Training;

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(b) if so, what are the qualifications required;

(c) is the selection made;

(d) if so, (i) were the claims of other officers considered;

(ii) who is the selected candidate and what are his outstanding qualifications?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The qualifications mentioned in Articles 5 and 8 of the Police Manual.

(c) Yes.

(d) (i) Yes.

(ii) Mr. P. Sankara Menon, Probationary Inspector He is the juniormost hand among Inspectors, and his training is yet to be completed.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.— Was there any advertisement inviting applications for the selection?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No. There was no necessity. He was already a probationary Inspector undergoing training.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.- ഈ ട്രെയിനിംഗ് കൊണ്ടു ഇതിനു മുൻപുള്ള ഇൻസ്പക്ടർമാരുടെ അവകാശത്തിനു വല്ല ഹാനിയും നേരിടുവാൻ ഇടയുണ്ടോ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, I do not think so.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know, Sir, how long was this Probationary Inspector in service?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—About 2 years.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Is there anybody in the department who has got the necessary qualifications of Inspector with a longer period of service to his credit?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There are ever so many. Most of the Inspectors are senior to him.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Junior?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.-- മിസ്റ്റർ ശങ്കരമേനവനെ ഗവ മ്മേൻറിന്റെ അനുവാദത്തോടുകൂടിയാണോ ട്രെയിനിംഗിനു് അയച്ചതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നീലകണ്ഠമേനോൻ— അനുവാദത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ്.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഗവമ്മെൻറ് സാങ്ക്ഷ്യൻ ലഭിച്ചതിന്നു ശേഷമാണോ?

Mr. President.— The selection is made by Government.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ട്രെയിനിംഗിന് അയച്ചതിന്നു ശേഷം ഗവമ്മേൻറ് സാംങ്ഷൻ കിട്ടിയൊ; അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഗവമ്മേൻറ അനുവാദം കിട്ടിയതിന്നുശേഷം അയച്ചോ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Sir, there was some mistake in that. . . . . .

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member is answering on behalf of the Government. That should always be remembered.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is with the sanction of the Government that the candidate was sent for training.

Mr. V. K. Krishnan Kutty.— Did not the Police commissioner recommend him to the Government before actually sending the candidate for training?

Mr. President.—Hon'ble Members cannot ask any question regarding the recommendations by the Heads of Departments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it prescribed by rules?

Mr. President.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Under what rule, may I know?

Mr. President.—By unwritten rules?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Sir, in view of the answer that he is the junior most of the Inspectors, are we to infer that the seniority of others was a disqualification to be sent up for Vellore training?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Such inference can be drawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— May I know what exactly is meant by the Government by saying that he is the juniormost Inspector?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— Because he is the probationary Inspector.

Mr. V. K. Krishnan Kutty.—Is that fact a qualification for sending him for Vellore Training?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Quite so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it the rule of the Government that all Police Inspectors in the service have to undergo Vellore training?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—hereafter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to understand that Inspectors in service now with the necessary qualifications for being sent up for training are not to be sent up for Vellore training in view of the present answer?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—This training is not intended to those who have already completed their training and who have become pucca Inspectors. This is only intended for new Inspectors.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Vellore training will give the candidate any preferential claim for promotion?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have already answered that question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— May I know what it is?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon— There is no such thing at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we clearly understand that this vellore training will not be a preferential claim for promotion over the heads of his seniors?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—By that alone he does not acquire any seniority over those already in service.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will that statement be further explained?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—If he is in any way superior in point of ability certainly he will go above others—just like every one in service. You cannot shut him out altogether. Generally speaking this probationary Inspector who is getting trained now in Vellore will not by that fact alone claim any seniority over the rest who are already in service.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether in this particular instance at the time of the selection there were not petitions from service men regarding their claims?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There is no claim. It is intended only for the probationary Inspectors. He is the only one probationary Inspector at the time and so he was sent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the two Superintendents of Police now in service are not persons who had Vellore training?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The D. S. P.'s have training as Circle Inspectors but this one is having training of a Sub-Inspector at Vellore.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—There is no cadre of a Sub-Inspector here now. There are only Inspectors.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Our Inspectors correspond to the Sub-Inspectors of British India.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, in view of the fact that he gets Vellore training, whether that will give him any preferential claim over others in service?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have answered that already, Sir.

Murder cases in the State.

40. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of murder cases reported to the Police in 1110 and 1111;

(b) how many were charge-sheeted and the number of convictions?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) 10 and 3 up to now.

(b) In 1110 the accused were charged in 9 cases. In 5 cases accused were convicted and the remaining 4 cases are pending disposal. In 1111 three cases have been charged all of which are pending disposal.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know, Sir, in how many cases the extreme penalty of the law was inflicted?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Drill Instructor—Excise Department—exemption from examination qualification.

41. **Mr. George Parakkal.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) has the Government exonerated the Drill Instructor in the Excise Department from examination qualification;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, why such exemption was given?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes, under the General Standing Orders No. 2 (p).

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